

Monthly Update

Aviation Division



November 2002

Quillayute Airport's New Look

Quillayute Airport is sporting a new look these days with the completion of its runway taxiway crack-sealing project. The project, funded by the FAA and the WSDOT Aviation Division, is part of the City of Forks' master plan for the future of the airport. Since taking over operations of the airport in 1999, the City has completed a comprehensive land use plan and is nearing completion of an FAA Airport Master Plan.



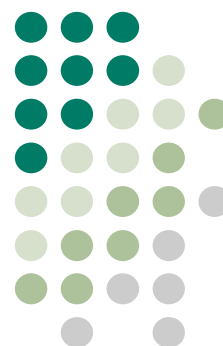
Quillayute Airport Before Its New Look.

Quillayute Airport was built in 1942 and decommissioned in 1945. The airport has 765 acres of land. When the airport was acquired by the city it also had two concrete runways and four WWII vintage buildings, all in need of repair.

"With the runway work now completed, we are going to turn our attention to the utility infrastructure and facilities of the airport," Rod Fleck Attorney/Planner and Airport Manager noted. "In the short time we have had the airport, we have accomplished a lot of the necessary planning related work in addition to the runway rehabilitation. We hope to now work on the existing facilities, utilities and begin the process of identifying needs for the aviation community at Quillayute. These could include hangars, simple services at the airport, and other needs."

Online Registration On the Way

In an effort to better serve Washington pilots, the Aviation Division will implement an online registration system by January 2003. This new system will offer pilots the convenience of paying registration fees with a credit card and provide access to a variety of membership services. Pilots, mechanics and aircraft owners who take advantage of online registration will enjoy the benefits of email alerts, weather information, runway reports, online publications (including the Pilot's Guide), and more! Our general aviation customers want useful, timely information; we believe that the new system will allow us to actively and effectively communicate with Washington pilots. The system is currently under development and will be available by the beginning of next year.



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CAA Meeting Focuses on Airport Aid Grant Programs

At the annual Community Airport Association Meeting held in Wenatchee on October 5th interest among the airport sponsors continued to be focused on grant funding to assist with airport improvements. At the meeting the Aviation Division presented the recommendations of the Airport Aid Grant Task Force and information on the AIR 21 Non-Primary Entitlement Grant Program. Many of the airport sponsors are interested in accessing the \$8 million in FAA funds available this year as part of this program and in learning more about state matching funds programs. Aviation Division's Stan Allison will be working closely with all of those airports sponsors who have demonstrated an interest in the program. If you have any questions about how your airport might qualify for these increased grant funds, contact Stan at (360) 651-6304.

Omak Proposes Installing A Transponder Landing System

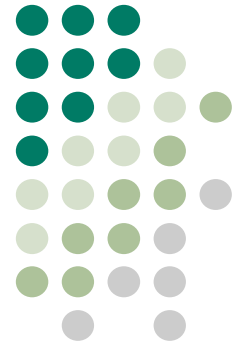
A proposal on a Transponder Landing System (TLS) for the Omak Municipal Airport was recently presented. The system would enable the airport to have an all-weather, precision instrument approach. This would allow future commercial service, which the City of Omak is very interested in attracting. Washington State's Congressional delegation has shown great interest in the system and is working towards "place naming" the item within the FAA's appropriation to have the TLS installed at the airport.

At the meeting Aviation Division's Stan Allison communicated the Division's support for the all-weather, precision instrument. Omak Mayor Dale Sparber was in attendance as were several local pilots. The FAA is to make a site visit to the airport on November 5th to assess the viability of a TLS installation. The FAA would fund the first two years of maintenance, but after that the city would have to take over the maintenance responsibilities. Annual maintenance costs have been estimated at \$19,500. Both Omak and Friday Harbor have inquired about WSDOT's Airport Aid Grant Program and if it might be able to help defray the maintenance costs.

Airport Aid Grant Task Force

The fifth meeting of the Airport Aid Grant Program Task Force was held in Ellensburg on October 16. Task Force members adopted their final set of recommendations on eligibility criteria and prioritization methodology. The Aviation Division staff presented a draft scoring methodology for ranking applications and the Task Force members adopted a significant portion of the methodology.

The Task Force requested additional work by the Aviation Division staff to develop the remaining scoring criteria. The afternoon discussion centered on the issue of standards (design, construction, lighting, planning, etc. and the task force provided clear direction on how staff should proceed in developing a set of standards for Washington State's airport aid program. The Task Force's final meeting is on November 13 in Ellensburg.



Where We Were This Month

The Aviation Division staff has made a commitment to be an active part of the general aviation community and to visit as many of the State's airport facilities as possible. During the month of October staff members were at:

**Forks
Woodland
Ellensburg
Republic
Fairchild
Omak
Olympia
Boeing Field
Okanogan
Chewelah
Colville
Port Angeles
Tacoma Narrows
Ranger Creek
Wenatchee/Pangborn**

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Weather Information for Washington Airports

Aviation Division's John Sibold recently met with The Washington State Transportation Center and a representative from the University of Washington to learn about a weather program currently being used by WSDOT to report highway weather and surface conditions. At the meeting a proposal was also discussed on how the program might be used by aviation and pilots.

The U of W's program takes the enormous amount of weather information available statewide from both private and public weather resources, and consolidates it into current information for weather on the State's highways.

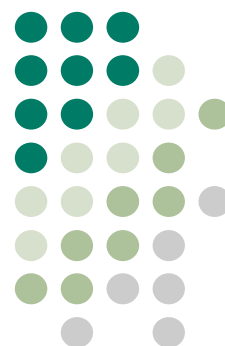
The Aviation Division would like to test the system to see if would be applicable for airport weather condition reporting for pilots. Additional applications for reporting ceiling and visibility information through the University of Washington's program is also being considered depending on FAA regulations for weather reporting and possible liability issues.

As part of the test, the Aviation Division would install an additional 10 test cameras at airports around the state where aviation weather stations do not exist. The cost of camera installation can be very reasonable depending on access to power and phone lines. Pilots want real time information and are currently accessing the information available on WSDOT highway cameras for weather conditions.

The state of Alaska Aviation Division is currently utilizing weather cameras at some of their facilities. In Washington cameras are currently available for the Blaine Municipal Airport and Harvey Airfield and can be viewed on the WSDOT web site. (www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic)

CFI Clinic For November and January Scheduled

The next Certificated Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic will be held on November 16 and 17 at the Hawthorne Inn and Suites, 16710 Smokey Point Blvd. near the Arlington Airport. Through the use of dynamic interactive Internet presentations and computer graphics, instructors Bob Clarke and Harry LaForge will provide tools to help pilots renew flight instructor certificates, fly more safely, and update flying techniques. Certificates expiring in November or December 2002, or January or February 2003 may be renewed and a new temporary certificate will be



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CFI Clinic (cont)

issued at the clinic with no change in expiration date.

The January CFI Clinic will be held on January 11 and 12 in Tacoma at the King Oscar Motel and Convention Center, 8820 S. Hosmer, Tacoma 98444, (888) 254-5464 or (253) 539-1153.

You can register for the November or the January CFI Clinic by calling the WSDOT Aviation offices: (360) 651-6300 or 1(800) 552-0666 (in Washington only) or you can go to the WSDOT Aviation web site and register on line. www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation

Land Use/Planning

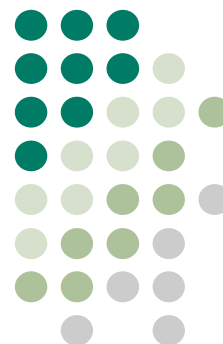
WSDOT Aviation encourages the public, community organizations, agencies, airport sponsors and pilots to share their concerns and to become involved in protecting public use airports from incompatible uses.

The following city, county and airports are currently reviewing proposed plans updates or amendment to their comprehensive plan, development regulation, and/or Airport Master Plans:

- Pierce County:
 - Pierce County/Thun Field Airport, proposed South Hill Community Plan and implementing zoning regulations.
 - Tacoma Narrows Airport, proposed Gig Harbor Community Plan implementing zoning regulations.
- Chelan Municipal Airport, City of Chelan proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Kenmore Air Harbor, City of Kenmore Downtown Subarea Plan and proposed implementing zoning regulations.
- Arlington Airport, City of Marysville proposed Smokey Point Subarea Comprehensive Plan and implementing zoning regulations.
- Pangborn Memorial Airport Master Plan update, Douglas County.
- The Dalles Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Master Plan update, Klickitat County and the City of the Dalles, Oregon.
- Bellingham International Airport Master Plan update, Whatcom County.

The first updates are required to be completed by the following dates:

- December 1, 2004 – Clallam, Clark, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties.



2002 October

Registered Pilots – 684
Registered Aircraft – 28

2002 YTD

Registered Pilots - 6615

2001 YTD

Registered Pilots - 5910

2002 YTD

Registered Aircraft -
3997

2001 YTD

Registered Aircraft -
4083

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Land Use Planning (cont)

- December 1, 2005 – Cowlitz, Island, Lewis, Manson, San Juan, Skagit and Skamania counties
- December 1, 2006 – Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas Spokane, and Yakima counties
- December 1, 2007 – Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties

Jurisdictions may complete the review prior to the above dates.

To become involved in your community's aviation compatibility planning efforts contact your local planning office, airport sponsor or the WSDOT Aviation Division at 360-651-6306. Information is also available at www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/.

Airport Aid News

Aid Grant Survey To be Taken In November

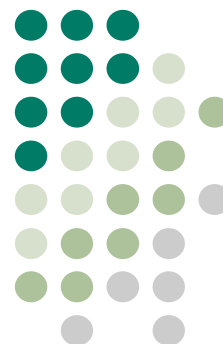
WSDOT has prepared a survey to determine the effectiveness of, and the overall satisfaction with the department's grant programs. The survey will be posted on the WSDOT web site in early November. An email request will be sent to all those who request or receive aid grants through WSDOT to go to the web site and fill out the survey. This includes airports sponsors that have been involved with the Airport Aid Grant Program through the Aviation Division.

Ferry County Presentation

A presentation on the importance of maintaining the Ferry County Airport was given to the Ferry County Commissioners by the Aviation Division staff in October. The Ferry County Commissioners appreciated the presentation and the information available and indicated they would continue to support the improvement projects at the airfield.

Sand Canyon Taxiway Project

The inspection of the slurry seal project on the Sand Canyon taxiway uncovered some issues with respect to the quality of the work on the project. The Division will continue to work with the City of Chewelah and the contractor to resolve these issues prior to releasing any grant funds for the project. However, work is continuing with the City of Chewelah on the installation of their PAPI system.



Postcard Mailing A Success

In October the Aviation Division sent out over 20,000 postcards to both Washington pilots and aircraft owners explaining the benefits and reasons for becoming a registered pilot and having your aircraft registered. We received over 300 responses to the mailing and were very pleased with the results. Registered pilots receive a **free** 137 paged Pilots Guide filled with information on Washington Airports, invitations to attend **free** training seminars and

refresher clinics and help to support the state's search and rescue

operations and the maintenance of airports throughout Washington.

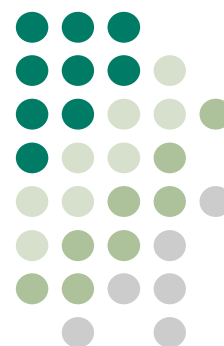


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Colville Municipal Airport

Aviation Division Operations Manager Stan Allison recently flew into Colville Municipal and used the airport's new card lock refueling facility. According to Allison, the system was very convenient and great addition to the airport's services. The new facility was funded by a WSDOT airport aid grant.

Okanogan Gets Tie Downs and Fog Seal

Okanogan Legion Airport has five new tie downs and new "fog seal" on its ramp and taxiway due to the combined efforts of the WSDOT grant aid program and volunteers with the Okanogan Legion Airport Improvement Association.

Annual SAR Training Mission

The Annual Search and Rescue training mission was held at Arlington airport on October 19 and 20. This is part of the Division's training program to keep SAR volunteers current on the latest technical information and practical techniques for SAR operations. During the training, an aerial surveillance operation was conducted for the Coast Guard near Stuart Island. There has been a phantom ELT signal emanating from that area for the past year and both the US and Canadian Coast Guard's efforts to locate the signal have been frustrated.

An old crash site was also selected for crews to locate and train on, and in the process another one near-by was found. Numerous ELT's and EPIRB's were also tracked and two other sorties were sent to find an old crash site that occurred 8 years ago, but was never found. The crews took numerous digital and video images of the area in hopes of finding this aircraft but were unsuccessful. We may try again next spring. The training, however, was very successful

Individuals interested in participating can contact the Division at 1-800-552-0666. Washington has one of the leading programs in the nation, and training seminars are conducted six times a year.

Upcoming Events

November

CFI Refresher Clinic

November 16-17

Hawthorne Inn & Suites

Arlington

(800) 552-0666

December

Christmas @ The Museum

December 8

Pearson Air Museum

(360) 694-7026

SAR Orientation Course

December 7-8

Skagit

(800) 552-0666

January

CFI Refresher Clinic

January 11-12

King Oscar Motel and

Convention Center

Tacoma

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Aviation Division Employee Receives Volunteer Recognition

At the Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony for the Seattle Museum of Flight, held Wednesday October 16, WSDOT Aviation Division's Karl Moore received a Certificate of Appreciation for having completed over 700 hours of volunteer work at the museum. Moore has been a docent with the museum providing guided tours and special presentations on aviation history and aeronautics since 1993.



On most Thursday evenings, Moore can be found leading groups of foreign tourists, scout troops, or local visitors on two-hour tours through the gallery of one of the world's top aviation museums.

His passion for aviation extends beyond his role as the Air Search and Rescue Coordinator for the State Aviation Division. When not donating his time at the Museum, he is a member of the largest aviation volunteer group in the nation, the Civil Air Patrol. Moore has been with the CAP since 1963. Mix in a 25-year career in the US Air Force, and Moore can truly state that aviation is his life and volunteering can be a vocation.

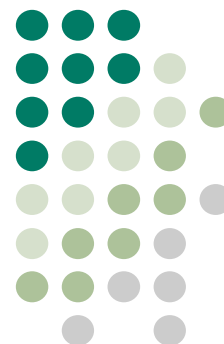
Thanks Greg!

On Friday, October 25 the Aviation Division gave Greg Logsdon a "Thank You –We'll Miss You" party on Greg's last day with the division. Greg has been on loan from the WSDOT Mt. Vernon facilities and has been assisting Stan Allison, Aviation Division operations manager, with maintenance projects at the state-owned and operated airports. Greg visited most of the 16 state-operated airports and was responsible for clean up and repair, new signage and new fencing for several of the airports. He became an integral part of the Aviation Division's efforts to make the state-operated airports safer and more useful. Greg is also a perfectionist and was tireless in organizing our equipment after our move to Arlington.

We will miss his great attitude, work ethic, and willingness to help wherever help was needed. All of us at the Aviation Division would like to say, thanks Greg!



Stan Allison, Aviation Division operations manager and Greg Logsdon. Watching are Betty Scott, and Nisha Hanchinamani,



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